Inspector Appointment and Scheduling

The parties that achieve the most and second most votes for governor are responsible for assigning inspectors. Inspectors are chosen from enrolled Democrats and Republicans first, but voters registered in other parties may be assigned in an emergency. Lists of inspectors are recommended by local party committees or the County Committee to the Board of Elections by May 1. Usually, this list is the previous election's working (active) inspectors. On July 15, after reviewing the party recommendations, the Elections Commissioners select and appoint a list of inspectors; thereafter, changes may be made to this list.

Minimum Qualifications for Election Inspectors

- Be a registered voter.
- Be a resident of the County in which he or she serves.
- Attend a training session at least every three years.
- Pass an examination at the end of any training session attended.
- Speak and read the English language and write legibly.

A registered voter may not serve as an inspector if they are a candidate

for public office to be voted for by the voters of the district in which he or

she is to serve or is a spouse, parent or child of such candidate

2 Coordinators are appointed, one from each political party, to Legislative Districts and Towns. Inspectors are scheduled in an Election District (ED) by a Coordinator. Inspectors should contact their coordinator if they have any questions about whether they are working on an election day. Coordinators are looking to schedule inspectors that are knowledgeable, trained, friendly, courteous and can work the entire election day. Inspectors need to maintain a good rapport with their coordinators. The Coordinators are also responsible for recruiting of Election Inspectors; they are responsible for making sure inspectors attend required training sessions. They are responsible for supply delivery, visiting inspectors on election day and, in the city, for supply return. Coordinators are trained inspectors and know election law. Whether Republican or Democrat, the Coordinators have equal responsibilities and authority; inspectors should respect coordinators regardless of their party.